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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2514

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 06555-0001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Michael MOVALLI et al.)
Serial No.: 08/679,421)
Filed: August 23, 1996)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
GENERATING SECURE)
ENDORSED TRANSACTIONS)

Group Art Unit: 2514

Examiner: M. Tremblay

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action of July 19, 1999, and following the submission of a Notice of Appeal on January 19, 2000, the period for reply having been extended by one months by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 24 and amend claims 3, 4, and 14 as follows:

Claim 3, line 4, change "memory" to --storage--;

Claim 4, line 5, change "memory" to --storage--;

Claim 14, line 5, change "memory" to --storage--.

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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 3, 4, and 14, rejected claims 1-4 and 24-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Donald W. Davies "Use of a

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'Signature Token' to Create a Negotiable Document" ("Davies") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,825,050 to Griffith et al. ("Griffith"); and rejected claims 5-23 and 29-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Davies in view of Griffith and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,689,565 to Spies ("Spies").

By this amendment, Applicants propose to cancel claim 24, and amend claims 3, 4, and 14 to correct for antecedent basis problems noted by the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 3, 4, and 14 in better form for appeal. Applicants submit that the proposed amendments of claims 3, 4, and 14 do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner, since the amendment simply corrects for claim language objected to by the Examiner. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

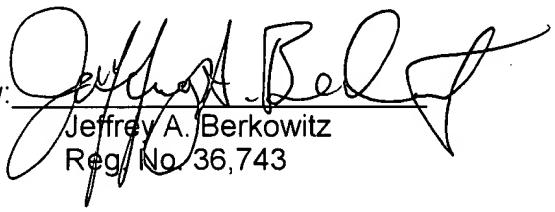
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that the claimed invention, as amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicants therefore request the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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